GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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CANNABIS FOR CANCER TREATMENT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian pharmaceutical companies to whom permission has been given to manufacture cannabis based drugs including cannabis oil in the country;

(b) whether the Government has taken note of an international research which has found that a certain derivative of cannabis can be successfully used in the treatment of cancer and also HIV/AIDS and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a number of oncologists have requested the Government to lift the ban on cannabis/marijuana/ganja as they are not able to procure cannabis whereas oncologists in the United States of America are prescribing them for cancer treatment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a): The Central Drugs Control and Standard Organisation (CDSCO) has not granted any permission to manufacture cannabis based new drugs in the country as no such proposal has been received.

(b): The Government has not received any information in this regard.

(c): No proposal has been received by CDSCO for approving any cannabis based news drugs.

(d): Does not arise.